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**MACALESTER ATHLETICS**

**FALL 2011**

# MEGAPHONE

*A Newsletter of M CLUB Activities & Macalester College Athletics*

## MacHac 2011

*is Biggest Ever*

The 22nd annual Mac Hac Golf tournament, held June 6 at Mendakota Country Club in Mendota Heights, was a huge success. An all-time event high of 148 golfers formed 37 groups. The post-tournament banquet and silent auction raised very important funds for the Athletic Department budget.

In the 18-hole scramble, the winning team in the championship flight was made up of Tim Whittle, Jim Peters and Richard Pearson, who carded a 60.

The Macalester Athletic Department wishes to thank everyone who participated in the Mac Hac, as well as the businesses that sponsored holes and donated prizes.

### Flight Winners:

*Championship Flight* (Score 60):

Richard Pearson, Jim Peters, Tim Whittle

*Blue Flight* (Score 58): Ryan Wenkus,

Eric Wenkus, Evan Wenkus, Brent Lovell

*Orange Flight* (Score 60): Scott Thompson,

Ellen Thompson, Sharon Hanson,

Tony Hanson

*Putting Contest Winner:* Clark Boysen

*Longest Drive (women):* Anna Gizzi

*Longest Drive (men):* Dan Leopold

*Longest Drive (senior):* Mark Knoche

*Shortest Drive:* Manny Castillo

*Longest Putt:* Marc Davis Group

*Closest to the pin #2:* Sylvia Logerquist

*Closest to the pin #17:* Bob Olds

*Closest to the "Gin":* Lolita Fischer

*Hengstler Memorial Hole:* Mark Knoche



## BASEBALL SCOTS CLAIM

*First MIAC Title Since 1950*

Macalester finished its 2011 baseball season with a 16-4 MIAC record, tying St. Thomas for the school's first conference baseball championship since 1950. Matt Parrington was chosen MIAC Coach of the Year and six Scots made the all-conference squad, including All-Midwest Region picks Mitch Glasser '12, Alex Ingram '11 and Eric Robinson '11. Macalester was picked eighth in the MIAC's pre-season poll, but finished with a school-record 26 wins.



*Championship Flight winners were (left to right) Richard Pearson, Tim Whittle and Jim Peters.*

*Winners of the Blue Flight with a 58 were (left below, left to right) Ryan Wenkus, Evan Wenkus, Eric Wenkus and Brent Lovett.*

*The winners of the Orange Flight were (right below, left to right) Scott Thompson, Ellen Thompson, Tony Hanson and Sharon Hanson.*







## HIGHLIGHTS

from 2010–2011

### Scots Boast Conference Champs

During the winter and spring sports seasons, Macalester boasted first-place MIAC finishes in swimming and track. Nathan Young '11 won the MIAC championship in swimming in the 200-yard backstroke. In women's track & field, Tara McCoy '11 placed first at the conference meet in the 800-meter run finals at the outdoor championships, while the Mac women won the 4x800-meter relay title in a school record time of 9:19.58. Relay team members were McCoy, Libby Tollefson '11, Robin Major '11 and Sarah Ziegenhorn '11.



### Inaugural Janis Rider Invitational Hosted

Macalester hosted the inaugural Janis Rider Invitational women's track & field meet on April 30. This event—formerly the Macalester Invitational—was dedicated to the memory of Macalester assistant track & field coach and M Club Hall of Fame athlete Janis Rider, who passed away unexpectedly August 23, 2010, while vacationing in



Hawaii. Janis was an avid supporter of Macalester and for many years served as an M Club director.

### Mac Women at Nationals

A pair of Macalester women qualified for the NCAA Division III championships in their respective sports and both performed well. Renee Jordan '14 placed 12<sup>th</sup> in 3-meter diving at the swimming and diving national meet, and Tara McCoy '11 turned in the 10<sup>th</sup> fastest time in the 800-meter run at the track & field nationals.

## M CLUB

### Athletes of the Year: Mucic, Juergens



On May 1, the Macalester Athletic Department held its annual Awards Banquet in Kagin Commons, presenting numerous awards and honors to several deserving student-athletes. The M Club Male Athlete of the Year award was presented to Nate Juergens '11 (soccer), and the M Club Female Athlete of the

Year award was presented to Majra Mucic '11 (volleyball, basketball).

Macalester's Senior Scholar-Athletes of the Year are Emily Bardwell (soccer) and Jeff Yamashita (swimming & diving). The Macalester Junior Scholar-Athletes of the Year are Jessica Rene (basketball) and Garrett Salzman (baseball).

### Other major Macalester departmental award winners include:

**Senior Male Athlete of the Year**—Stephen Murphy-Logue (soccer)

**Senior Female Athlete of the Year**—Tara McCoy (cross country/track)

**Junior Male Athlete of the Year**—Robert Williams (baseball)

**Junior Female Athlete of the Year**—Jessica Rene (basketball)

**Sophomore Male Athlete of the Year**—Taylor Rasmussen (soccer)

**Sophomore Female Athlete of the Year**—Kat Lenhart (soccer)

**First-Year Male Athlete of the Year**—Auburn Jimenez (football/cross country/track)

**First-Year Female Athlete of the Year**—Renee Jordan (swimming & diving)

**Rider Cup Dual Sports Award (Male)**—Auburn Jimenez '14 (football/cross country/track)

**Rider Cup Dual Sports Award (Female)**—Majra Mucic '11 (volleyball/basketball)

**Academic Teams of the Year (best GPA)**—Men's Golf & Women's Cross Country

**Community Service Award**—Chuck Standfuss

All Mac seniors received M Club blankets and all Academic All-MIAC recipients were recognized.

## M CLUB

### Coming Events

**Wed., Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.**  
M Clubbers Unite for Women's Soccer vs. Carleton

**Sat., Oct. 1, 1 p.m.**  
M Clubbers Unite for Homecoming Football vs. Hamline

**Sun., Oct. 2, 11:30 a.m.**  
M Clubbers Unite for MIAC Golf Championships at Bunker Hills C.C.

**Sat., Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.**  
M Clubbers Unite for Men's Soccer vs. St. Olaf

**Fri. & Sat., Oct. 21 & 22**  
M Club Board of Directors Meeting

**Sat., Oct. 22, 3 p.m.**  
M Clubbers Unite for Volleyball vs. Bethel

**Sat., Oct. 22, 6 p.m.**  
M Club Hall of Fame Banquet

**Sat., Oct. 29, 2:15 p.m.**  
M Clubbers Unite for MIAC Cross-Country Championships  
Como Park Golf Course





## JEMMA PERKINS NAMED Interim Women's Soccer Coach

Kate Ryan Reiling '00 has resigned as head women's soccer coach, leaving her alma mater after one season. As creator of the popular board game "Morphology," Coach Ryan Reiling cited difficulties balancing the responsibilities of her coaching and business duties. A three-time All-America midfielder, and captain of the 1998 national championship team, Ryan Reiling led the Scots to an 11-6-2 record and NCAA Division III playoff berth in her lone season at Macalester.

Assistant coach Jemma (Merrick) Perkins '97 has been named interim head women's soccer coach. Perkins will oversee all facets of the program throughout the season and through January 31, 2012, to ensure the program's recruiting efforts. A national search will immediately follow the conclusion of the season.



Perkins has served as an assistant at Macalester since 2007, working under former coaches John Leaney and Ryan Reiling. She began her collegiate career as a Division I player at the University of Virginia before transferring to Macalester, where she started two seasons in the midfield and was team captain as a senior.



## FIRE DEPT. Honors Life-Saving Staff

Three Macalester Athletic Department staffers helped save the life of faculty member Jon Lurie, who suffered a heart attack at the Leonard Center athletic & wellness complex in October. Leonard Center Manager Soren Nelson, Athletic Director Kim Chandler and Assistant Athletic Trainer Rande Garberg hurried to Lurie's side immediately after he fell to the ground, used an automated external defibrillator to "jump-start" his heart and performed CPR. This happened just one day after the athletic staff became re-certified in CPR.

On April 26, the St. Paul Fire Department and Chief Tim Butler awarded these three people letters of commendation and gave Lurie's son Malcolm a certification of commendation at a ceremony at Macalester. The event was reported in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*.



## PRESIDENT'S Message

*Greetings M Clubbers!*

### Welcome to the fall edition of Megaphone!

First, I would like to commend the baseball squad and head coach Matt Parrington and his staff, who led this talented squad to an MIAC conference championship! For the first time in 61 years, we've finished on top, making M Club very proud!

Second, I want to thank those M Clubbers who participated in this year's Annual Fund. We had 11 fewer members participating, but our gifts totaled \$709,720—almost \$25,000 more than last year! Of 3,739 M Club members worldwide, 1,444 participated, about 40%. I would like to ask every one of you to become ambassadors and help us take our participation even higher. Every gift benefits athletics, makes Macalester even better, and provides financial aid to students, including our athletes.

Looking ahead to the fall sports season, I could not be more excited. There is just something about finding a seat in the stadium, smelling autumn (and delicious smells from the Broiler!), and seeing our athletes give it their all that makes this season very special. Good luck to our teams this fall! Check the M Club Facebook page for upcoming M Club events.

Our Hall of Fame Banquet and Ceremony comes up on October 22, and I am proud to announce our new inductees: **Ron Groce '76, Jennifer Hodges '00, Jim Kersting '70, Bob MacGregor '54, and the 1998 National Champion Women's Soccer Team.** Ron and Bob excelled in football; Jennifer's achievements were in volleyball; and Jim was an outstanding diver. The M Club is inviting a select number of current athletes to attend. To sponsor an athlete for this occasion, you may send a \$30 check made out to Macalester College/Athletics to Macalester Athletics, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota 55105. Your generous gift allows us to involve current athletes in this celebration.

I'll see you in the stands this fall as we cheer,

**LET'S GO MAC!**  
**STEVE COX,**  
**M CLUB PRESIDENT**

## THOMPSON, PARRINGTON

### Garner MIAC Coach of the Year Honors

A pair of Macalester head coaches during the winter and spring seasons were honored by their peers with MIAC Coach of the Year awards: Ellen Thompson in women's basketball and Matt Parrington in baseball. Thompson was honored for the second time in her six seasons at Mac as the Scots made the league playoffs after graduating four starters from the year before and being picked 10<sup>th</sup> in the pre-season poll. Parrington led the baseball Scots to their first MIAC championship in 61 years. Selected No. 8 in the pre-season poll, Macalester went 16-4 in the conference and 26-14 overall.





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*Participants in the January 22 men's basketball alumni game posed for a group photo. Twenty players participated.*

**JODY GABRIEL** *NEW*  
**Macalester Softball Coach**

Macalester College has named Jody Gabriel as its new head softball coach. Gabriel has been the head coach at the University of Wisconsin–River Falls for the past four years.

Coach Gabriel led UW–River Falls to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) regular-season (13–3) and playoff (4–0) championships this past spring as the Falcons finished with a 28–15 overall record and a four-game appearance in the NCAA Division III playoffs. UWRF went 108–60 during her four seasons leading the program and never had a losing record in the competitive WIAC.

“I am thankful for the opportunity to join the Macalester community and to lead a softball program with such amazing student-athletes,” said Coach Gabriel. “My passion for working with young women on and off the field to develop their softball, leadership and life skills can truly be embraced with



this opportunity at Mac. I look forward to getting to know the Macalester community, the Athletic Department and especially the members of the Macalester softball team.”

Gabriel was selected 2011 WIAC Coach of the Year and her staff was named 2011 Great Lakes Region Coaching Staff of the Year. Wisconsin–River Falls was ranked No. 19 in the final national poll and went undefeated at home with a 14–0 record.

**NEW INTERN**

**Sara Eisenhauer**



Macalester has received a two-year NCAA Division III Ethnic Minority & Women's Internship Grant and has hired Sara Eisenhauer for this position. Eisenhauer will help with numerous administrative functions within

the department, with an emphasis on social media, sports information, compliance, event management and promotions.

Eisenhauer recently finished a two-year internship for the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, concentrating in sports information, strategic planning and the 2011 MIAC Leadership Conference. Eisenhauer graduated from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and Summa Cum Laude honors. She majored in electronic publishing and public relations with a minor in sports business. A Kenosha, Wis., native, Eisenhauer was a member of the SMU women's hockey team and served in a captain's position for three of her four seasons.

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